

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON BAIL SYSTEM
AND RESCINDING PRIOR ORDER

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the concern of the Judiciary's internal auditors that current laws, practices and procedures governing the bail system may not be effective, a Bail System Task Force was created by Administrative Order dated October 23, 2003; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force has presented a final report; and

WHEREAS, The final report includes a recommendation for formation of an advisory committee for implementation of other recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert M. Bell, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and administrative head of the Judicial Branch, pursuant to the authority conferred by Article IV, § 18 of the Maryland Constitution, do hereby order this 5th day of March, 2008, effective immediately:

1. Creation. There is an Advisory Committee on the Bail System.

2. Members and Advisors.
 - a. Task Force. The Task Force shall consist of the following members, appointed by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals:
 - (i) for the Judiciary:
 - (1) The Chief Judge of the District Court, who shall chair the Task Force;
 - (2) The Circuit Administrative Judge of the First Judicial Circuit, who shall be vice chair of the Task Force;
 - (3) A representative of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, chosen from

nominees submitted by the Circuit Administrative Judge;

(4) A second District Court judge, chosen from nominees submitted by the Chief Judge of the District Court;

(5) A member of the Conference of Circuit Court Clerks;

(6) The Chief Clerk of the District Court;

(7) The Coordinator of Commissioner Activity;

(8) A representative of the Judiciary's Internal Auditor;

(9) A representative of the Judicial Information System;

(ii) for the Maryland Insurance Administration, Todd Cioni; and

(iii) any additional representative of the Judiciary or Maryland Insurance Administration as recommended by the Chair from time to time.

b. Advisors.

(i) The Advisory Committee may invite others to provide advice to or otherwise participate in the Task Force's work, through invitations to public fora, appointment to subcommittees, or assignment of specific tasks such as statistical and academic research.

(ii) Among those who may be consulted are the Attorney General of Maryland, members of the Bar of Maryland, the Maryland Association of Counties, representatives of corporate and property bondsmen, the Maryland Public Defender, members of the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association, the Conference of Circuit Court Administrators, and the Director of Governmental Affairs.

c. Compensation. Advisory Committee members and advisors are not entitled to compensation but, to the extent that budgeted funds are available, may be reimbursed for expenses in connection with travel related to the work of the Advisory Committee.

3. Meetings.

a. Scheduling. The Advisory Committee and its subcommittees, if any, shall meet at the call of the Chair.

b. Quorum. A majority of the authorized membership of the Advisory Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

4. Purpose. The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to make detailed recommendations for the implementation of the recommendations of the Bail System Task Force.

5. Staff. The Advisory Committee shall have the staff assistance assigned by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals.

6. Report. The Advisory Committee shall submit a final report as soon as practicable.

7. Rescission of Prior Order. The Administrative Order of October 23, 2003, is rescinded.

/s/ Robert M. Bell
Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of
Maryland

Filed: March 5, 2008

/s/ Alexander L. Cummings
Clerk
Court of Appeals of Maryland